


Established February, 1845.

PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.


## Shipping.

**Steamers.**

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.**  
The Co's Steamship  
 Captain DAVIS, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports **TO-MORROW**, the 21st Instant, at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAPEAKE & CO.,**  
General Managers  
Hongkong, June 20, 1891.

**FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.**  
The Steamship  
 Osprein C. ZENDEL, will  
be despatched for the  
above Ports **TO-MORROW**, the 21st Instant  
at 10 a.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SIEMSSSEN & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, June 20, 1891.

**COMPANIES THE MOST ADVANTAGES**

Co.,	For Freight, apply to	SHEWAN &
1193	Hongkong, May 27, 1891.	



## Entertainments.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**  
Four Farewell Performances.  
Under the Special Patronage and in the Presence of His Excellency Major-General G. DIBBY BARKE, C.B.,  
OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

**TUESDAY NEXT, 23rd June.**  
**MR. GEO. C. MILN.**  
supported by Miss LOUISE JORDAN & COMPANY.  
In "JULIUS CÆSAR."  
Prices:—\$2 and \$1. Plan at KELLY & WALSH'S.  
Hongkong, June 19, 1891. 1237

**THEATRE ROYAL.**  
**CITY HALL.**  
**WEDNESDAY, 24th June,**  
The Popular Comedy of  
**'DAVID GARRICK,'**  
in Three Acts.  
**MRS. POTTER, MR. BELLEW.**  
Assisted by MEMBERS of the  
HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.  
Doors open at 8.30, to commence at 9 p.m.  
Prices:—\$2, \$1.  
Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S.  
Hongkong, June 17, 1891. 1210

## Intimations.

**NOTICE.**  
NOTICE is hereby given, That the PARTNERS of the FIRM of RUSSELL AND COMPANY have executed an ASSIGNMENT in New York of all their Estate, Property and Effects wherever situated for the benefit of their Creditors, and have appointed HENRY HANNAH, of New York, Assignee and Trustee of the said Estate, Property and Effects.  
And Notice is also given, That the said HENRY HANNAH has appointed the undersigned as his Agent in Hongkong and Canton for the purpose of the Liquidation of the said Estate, and all Creditors of Hongkong and Canton of the said Firm are hereby notified to send in their CLAIMS to the undersigned.  
And all Persons being INDEBTED to the said Firm or holding any Goods or property of the said Firm in Hongkong or Canton are hereby notified not to make Payment or part with the same except to the undersigned.  
Dated this 10th day of June, 1891.  
W. SANSON TAYLOR,  
No. 7, Praya Central,  
Victoria, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, June 11, 1891. 1181

**BAY VIEW HOTEL.**  
MR. OSBORNE begs to announce that this convenient half-way House on SHAMSHAN ROAD is now open.

The Hotel commands a beautiful view, and is situated in a cool and breezy spot. There is a convenient landing jetty opposite the Hotel for launches.  
The best Brands of WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS, &c., always in Stock. MEALS can be served at any hour. Prompt attendance.  
Hongkong, May 14, 1891. 886

**THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.**  
NOW OPEN.

**A SELECT FAMILY AND RESIDENTIAL HOTEL,** situated 1,400 feet above the sea level, commanding on the one side a magnificent view of the Harbour and the Mainland in the distance, and on the other of hills and mountains, with the sea beyond dotted with islands as far as the eye can reach, surrounded by extensive promenade and pleasure grounds, including three good Tennis Courts. The Mount Promenade alone is nearly an acre in extent.  
The Hotel is replete with every accommodation for Families and Gentlemen.  
The Manager, MR. ROBERT ISHAMWOOD, will be assisted by an Efficient Lady Staff, and the Hotel will be conducted upon the best English system. The accommodation comprises a spacious Dining Hall, Private Dining Rooms, Drawing, Reading, Smoking, Grill, Billiard, and Private Sitting Rooms, with Fifty-four Bedrooms each provided with separate Bath-room and every convenience.  
Tramway Tickets will be supplied to Visitors at Reduced Rates.  
For Terms apply to the SECRETARY, at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, 33 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, June 1, 1891. 1064

**THE KOWLOON LAND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**TO LET.**  
KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.

**HOUSES, with 5 Rooms, including Bath Rooms, TENNIS COURTS, Good view and healthy situation. Rent and Taxes, \$52 a month.**

Apply to  
**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.**  
Hongkong, March 24, 1891. 607

## To-day's Advertisements.

**NOTICE.**  
**TO LET.**

**THE PREMISES, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL,** lately occupied by Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. The Whole, or Flats, or Single Rooms, suitable for OFFICES and DWELLINGS.

Apply to  
**E. D. SASSOON & CO.**  
Hongkong, June 20, 1891. 1242

**HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**

**A COMPETITION for the Long Range SHOOTING** will take place on SATURDAY NEXT, the 27th inst., commencing at 8.15 p.m. Ranges—800 and 900 Yards. Usual conditions.  
A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 7.45 p.m. to convey Competitors.  
**W. ANDERSON,**  
Acting Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, June 20, 1891. 1246

## To-day's Advertisements.

**FOR CHEBOO AND NEWHONGWANG.**  
The Steamship *Princess Louise*, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 23rd inst., at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.**  
Hongkong, June 20, 1891. 1343

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW.**  
The Co's Steamship *Haiphong*, Capt. J. VAN DER VALK, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, 23rd inst., at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, June 20, 1891. 1240

**FOR AMOY, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.**  
With liberty to call at SAIGON.  
The Steamship *Batavia*, Capt. VAN DER VALK, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, June 20, 1891. 1244

**STEAM TO STRAITS & BOMBAY.**  
(Calling at COLOMBO if sufficient inducement offers.)  
The P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamship *Penang*, Capt. T. F. CRESSY, will leave for the above places at Noon on SATURDAY, the 27th inst.  
E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.  
P. & O. S. N. Co's Office,  
Hongkong, June 20, 1891. 1230

**GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.**  
The Steamship *Glenloch*, Capt. J. GLENN, will be despatched as above on or about the 8th July.  
This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, June 20, 1891. 1245

**FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.**  
The Steamship *Glenloch*, Capt. J. GLENN, will be despatched as above on or about the 8th July.  
This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.  
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Hongkong, June 20, 1891. 1245

**Not Responsible for Debts.**  
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbours:

CAMERDUN, British ship, Captain B. Corland. — Russell & Co.  
M. G. WHITNEY, British barque, Capt. W. H. Smith. — Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
NUOVA, British barque, Capt. T. Norris. — Lang Lee.  
ONAGA, British barque, Captain A. V. Brown. — Master.  
VELOCITY, British barque, Captain R. Martin. — Chinese.

**"LEMOINE" NATURAL CHAMPAGNE.**  
(WITHOUT LIQUEUR.)  
AWARDED PRIZE MEDAL, PARIS, 1889.

THE SPECIAL FEATURES of this Pure CHAMPAGNE are:—  
1st.—Its entire freedom from the usual sugar candy, etc., consequently it is fresher, clearer, and more wholesome than the LIQUEURED Champagne.  
2nd.—Its DELICACY, due to the first pressing only of the grapes being used; the later pressings make the wine rough and coarse, and necessitate the use of heavy fining.

3rd.—Its NATURAL DRYNESS, which is not aggressive, making it more appetizing than satiating.  
4th.—No liquer being added, the process of re-oxygen is very rapidly effected, so avoiding the large loss of carbonic acid gas—the most valuable property of Champagne.

Champagne should always be drunk cold; but to half freeze a light delicate wine by putting it in an ice-pail for the best part of an hour, is to destroy all its fine vinous properties.  
In former years, when heavily LIQUEURED Champagnes were alone obtainable, good freezing was necessary to hide the nauseous sweetness of a ten per cent. dose of sugar-candy and alcohol; but consumers now demand a wine free from un-natural sweetness or alcohol—a sparkling vintage which can be taken freely at luncheon or dinner, and which will improve, rather than destroy, the appetite.

Price per case qts. \$22.00, pts. \$23.00.  
**DAKIN BROTHERS OF CHINA, Ltd.**  
Sole Agents for China.

**SHIPPING.**  
ARRIVALS.  
June 19, 1891:—  
*Lycomon*, German steamer, 1,238 G. Tons, from Hamburg, June 14, Rice.—Simsen & Co.  
*Hesperia*, German steamer, 1,136 G. Tons, from Hamburg, June 15, General.—Simsen & Co.

June 20:—  
*Namoi*, British steamer, 863, Godard, Foochow June 16, Amoy 17, and Swatow 19, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.  
*Actis*, Danish steamer, 366, H. Hygom, Haiphong June 17, and Hoilow 19, Rice.—A. E. MANN.

*Lancelot*, British steamer, 1,564, T. Thomas, Saigon June 16, General.—A. H. BOLD, KAPPEL & Co.  
*Caing Pao*, Chinese steamer, from Whampoa.

*Snow*, Fenang and Singapore 19, General.—BAK MOH & Co.  
*Fukien*, for Swatow.  
*Haiphong*, for Hongkong.  
*Takia*, for Kutchinatu.  
*Smakera*, for Kobe.

**DEPARTURE.**  
June 20:—  
*Athene*, for Hoilow.  
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**Business Notices.**  
**Hongkong Trading Company, LIMITED.**  
Drapers, Outfitters, Tailors, Silkmen, Furnishers.  
**TAILORING DEPARTMENT.**  
**IMPORTANT SHIPMENT**  
of  
**Tropical Flannels,**  
FOR  
**Summer Suits.**  
SLENDERS VARIETY TO CHOOSE FROM.  
**\$8.00 COAT AND TROUSERS \$8.00.**  
33391s Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessels	Agents	Date of Leaving
Bangkok	Sundeloh, Phra Nang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Bombay	Porto of Call Bayan (s)	Nordstrand Lloyd	July 5, at 11 a.m.
Calcutta	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	June 23, daylight.
Canton	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Messageries Maritimes	June 21, at 9 p.m.
Cebu	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Colon	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Hankow	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Harbin	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Hongkong	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Kobe	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
London	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Lyons	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Medan	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Penang	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Peking	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Rangoon	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Shanghai	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Singapore	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Sourabaya	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Swatow	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Tientsin	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.
Yokohama	Cheloo & Noekwang (s)	Yuen Fat Hong	June 23, at 10 a.m.

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**MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW.**  
**Shipping.**  
Daylight.—*Fukien* leaves for Swatow, &c. 10 a.m.—*Yokohama* leaves for Japan. 3 p.m.—*Haiphong* leaves for Haiphong.

**MEMOR. FOR MONDAY.**  
**Shipping.**  
10 a.m.—*Hesperia* leaves for H'burg, &c. 4 p.m.—*Zafro* leaves for Manila.  
**Auctions.**  
11 a.m.—Auction of 39,643 Cases of Kerosine Oil (Gommet Brand), at Kerosine Godowns of Messrs Russell & Co., Hongkong.

**Miscellaneous.**  
Goods per *Wingany* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

**BY APPOINTMENT.**  
**A. S. WATSON & COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

**MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.**

OUR New Factory has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English Makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are used in the manufacture throughout.

**LARGE BOMBAY 'SODAS.'**  
We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, free of Extra Charge, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

**COAST POST ORDERS.**  
whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order. For Coast Ports, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Duties when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.  
Our Registered Telegraphic Address is, 'DISPENSARY, HONGKONG' And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:  
**PURE AERATED WATER**  
**SODA WATER**  
**LEMONADE**  
**POTASH WATER**  
**SELTZER WATER**  
**LITHIA WATER**  
**SARSAPILLA WATER**  
**TONIC WATER**  
**GINGER ALE**  
**GINGERADE.**

No Credit given for bottles that are dirty, or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such bottles are never used again by us.

**A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.**  
2291 Hongkong, China, and Manila.

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By 'damnable iteration' Mr Francis succeeded yesterday afternoon in proving that the opposition to Mr Kewick's share bill is based on no solid argument. The learned counsel has defended many weak cases, but he never was in such great straits as he was yesterday. He told his audience in one breath that the Bill would do a great deal to prevent short selling, and in another breath he informed them that short-selling cannot be proved to exist here. In our part of his speech he said 'Our contention to the Council is this, that the Bill will not in the least interfere with rash speculation and gambling and any man who calmly and dispassionately looks at the details of share speculation in Hongkong will see that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred that occur, this Bill if it were law to-day would not have any operation whatever and would not interfere in the slightest degree to stop speculation.' In another part of his very strange speech he says 'I think I need hardly say that the tendency of this Bill now before Council is very seriously to interfere with the market for shares in Hongkong, and that it has gone a long way to dull that market by rendering people unwilling to enter into transactions and purchase shares which they do not know whether they will be able to sell or not. It has had a certain effect while it has been before the Council, and it will have a very grave effect on the market if it is passed.' The first two contradictory assertions are totally irreconcilable. To reconcile the second part of assertions Mr Francis would have to prove that Mr Kewick's bill—the very prospect of its being passed—having no effect on gambling transactions, operated so as to prevent gambling share business, that is to say, prevent men who possessed shares, or had actual shares under his control, from selling their shares in the market, and so as to prevent buyers from obtaining equal shares if willing to pay the market rate for them. This he did not attempt to do. In fact he distinctly asserted that the Bill would not have such a result. A great deal was said about the evils of bulling, and with much that was said in condemnation of that practice was thoroughly agreed. A bill may rig the market as effectively as a bar. It is likewise true that the two operations have a tendency in the long run to balance each other, and in pointing this out Mr Francis approached nearer to sound argument than he did in any other part of his speech. But in Hongkong the oscillations that take place before equilibrium is reached are so violent and so frequent that genuine, non-gambling investors are made to suffer severely. The average price of a stock, during a period of two or three years may be pretty near the true value, but it will be found that this true value was seldom the actual quotation, the figures being generally far above or far below. It is to stop this great oscillation of prices—oscillation produced by gambling—that Mr Kewick has introduced his bill; and it is because we are persuaded that it would act alike on bulls and bears by preventing them from buying and selling shares that we have no actual existence that we heartily support the measure. Mr Francis's statement about the enormous trouble imposed by the filling in of numbers was surely not seriously put forth. It is to use an expressive slang word, pure fudge. If Hongkong merchants and brokers are so busy that they have not time to comply with a law that requires them to specify the articles they deal in, the sooner more assistants are obtained the better. The brokers, at the present moment at any rate, are not likely to complain of being too busy. We have been told of people who are too busy to be honest, but this class scarcely deserves to be supported by the law.

The more we hear the arguments against the Bill, the more inclined are we to endorse Mr Kewick's statement that the opposition is due chiefly to the restrictive character the Bill would have on the sale of shares by those persons who do not possess them. We hope the Hon. gentleman, in spite of this opposition, will push his measure to a division. In view of the instructions of the Secretary of State, the Government could not put such a law into force immediately. A suspending clause would have to be introduced, and in the meantime both parties would have the opportunity of laying their case, by petition or otherwise, fully before the Secretary of State. Several alternative measures have been proposed, some of which are well worthy of consideration and calculated to prove excellent aids to the efficient working of Mr Kewick's bill. Without that bill, we are afraid they would have little effect. The majority of share speculators in Hongkong—or at any rate some who have the longest purses—are not on the side of the angels. And herein lies precisely the need of legislation in advance of English law. In London the force of public opinion or of institutions based on a healthy public opinion drives unscrupulous manipulators to dark corners. Do the opponents of Mr Kewick's bill believe in their inmost hearts public opinion would have the same effect in Hongkong? Does not the very strength of the opposition to







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